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SUBJECT: MODE STAFF REDUCTIONS

1. AS UUREAU PREPARES, WITHIN MODE GUIDELINES, TO MAKE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT ELIMINATING AMERICAN AND LOCAL POSITIONS FROM VARIOUS AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT CEILINGS THROUGHOUT ARA, WE WISH TO CONSULT WITH YOU ONCE MORE TO OBTAIN YOUR THOUGHTS AND CONCURRENCES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MODE REQUESTS SENT TO THE EMBASSY IN RECENT MONTHS, THE POST IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF AMERICAN AND LOCAL POSITIONS WHICH COULD BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO THE CONDUCT OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH VENEZUELA. AS YOU KNOW, AT HIS MARCH 13 CABINET MEETING, PRESIDENT CARTER REITERATED HIS INTENTION TO MAKE A SELECTIVE REDUCTION OF
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PERSONNEL SERVING UNDER DIPLOMATIC CHIEFS OF MISSION ABROAD. ACCORDINGLY, LETTERS WERE SENT TO THE CONCERNED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES SUMMARIZING THE STAFF REDUCTIONS YOU RECOMMENDED AND REQUESTING THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO BRING ABOUT THESE REDUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978. THE PROPOSED STAFF REDUCTIONS IN QUESTION, AND THE VARIOUS RESPONSES TO THEM SO FAR ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW:

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PROPOSED REDUCTIONS

U.S.

ICA 1 (REGIONAL LIBRARIAN)
IRS 4 (3 REVENUE SERVICE OFFICERS AND 1 AMERICAN SECRETARY)
DAO 2

AGENCY RESPONSE

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ICA CONCURS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO ABOLISH THE AMERICAN POSITION, BUT THEY WANT TO TRANSFER IT TO SANTO DOMINGO.

TREASURY

THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY HAS REQUESTED THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED REDUCTION OF THREE IRS AMERICAN OFFICERS AND ONE IRS AMERICAN SECRETARY OR PROVIDE ADEQUATE, DETAILED JUSTIFICATION FOR RETENTION OF THESE POSITIONS. THEIR REPLY WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE.
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DEFENSE

THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, REGARDING THE PROPOSED REDUCTION OF TWO AMERICANS FROM THE DAO STAFF. UPON RECEIPT OF THEIR RESPONSE THE DEPARTMENT WILL CORRESPOND WITH YOU.

3. IN REVIEWING THESE RESPONSES, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY OVERWHELMING ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF RETAINING THE POSITIONS IN QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR FINAL COMMENTS IN LIGHT OF THE AGENCY REPLIES. VANCE

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